MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How did he manage to climb up the tree?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): By going up. (*Laughter.*)

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Where was he?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was in the garden, I believe. There are ever so many trees in the garden.

Posting of Vernacular School Teachers.

71. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state if the practice of posting teachers of Vernacular schools as far as possible to their native places or at least in places not far away from their homes has been given up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The practice has not been given up.

Expenditure on the S. M. V. School, Vanchiyur.

72. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of expenditure incurred till now (2-7-'27) in connection with the opening of the English High School at Vanchiyur, Trivandrum?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The total public works expenditure up to date is Rs. 5,27,197-6 chs. 6.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the land acquisition charges are also included?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That must have been included in the expenditure for the construction of this school.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the total amount for the land acquisition charges?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the figure here. I think it is about Rs. 26,000 or so.

Acquisition of Lands for the Lalam-Kadutturutti Road.

73. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With regard to land acquisition proceedings in connection with the Lalam-Kadutturutti road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the date on which land was acquired;

(2) the total extent of the land acquired;

(3) the extent of the land for which compensation has been paid; and

(4) whether any of the owners are still claiming compensation, and, if so, the reason for not paying it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The land has not been acquired. Proceedings for acquisition are only in progress.

(2) The extent to be acquired is 6 acres and 29·413 cents of land as proposed by the Chief Engineer.

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(3) and (4) These do not arise now in view of the answer to part (1).

Refusal of Tickets of admission to the Press Room and Legislative Council to Mr. N. Ramachandran Tampi.

74. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. N. Ramachandran Tampi, reporter to the *Samadarsi*, the *Pauraprabha* and the *Trivandrum Daily News*, was denied a ticket of admission to the Press Room attached to the Huzur Office and a Press ticket for admission to the Legislative Council?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government have full discretion in the matter of issuing tickets of admission to the Press Room and the Legislative Council Hall. They regret they cannot disclose the reasons for not issuing tickets to Mr. Ramachandran Tampi.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether a ticket of admission to the reporter mentioned was allowed during the last sitting of the Council ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Therefore is it with regard to this particular person that the ticket of admission was disallowed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, it was so.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Therefore, may I know whether the discretion used in giving tickets of admission is with regard to a particular individual ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I suppose it is clear from the answer already given.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is because it was Mr. Ramachandran Tampi that the ticket of admission was disallowed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I can't pursue the matter further. I have already given the answer .

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know in what way the matter weighed with the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government are not prepared to disclose their reasons. That is stated in the answer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Are the reasons of a confidential nature ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether it is the result of a private quarrel between the Government and the individual concerned that the ticket was refused ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have said that the reasons are of a confidential nature.

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